

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1        1.     A system, comprising:
  - 2              at least one device information file that contains emulation information
  - 3              about at least one device; and
  - 4              an emulator that is adapted to read the at least one device information file
  - 5              and provide an on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation of the at least
  - 6              one device.
  
- 1        2.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulation comprises  
2     information relating to a set-up procedure of the at least one device.
  
- 1        3.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulator is adapted to  
2     present the emulation in a manner that approximates information that would be  
3     presented by the at least one device during a set-up procedure of the at least one  
4     device.
  
- 1        4.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulation comprises  
2     mouseover information about at least one option.

1           5.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one device  
2     comprises a computer display device.

1           6.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one device  
2     comprises a computer system.

1           7.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one device  
2     comprises a consumer electronics device.

1           8.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulator is available  
2     via a network.

1           9.     The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the emulator is available  
2     via a local CD-ROM drive.

1           10.    A method, comprising the acts of:  
2         identifying a device information file that comprises emulation information  
3         about a set-up procedure associated with at least one device;

4           invoking an emulator that is adapted to access the device information file  
5           and provide an emulation that is based on the emulation  
6           information; and  
7           providing instruction to a user based on the emulation.

1           11.       The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of providing an  
2       on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation based on the emulation information.

1           12.       The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the  
2       emulation to be presented in a manner that approximates an output provided by the  
3       at least one device.

1           13.       The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the  
2       emulation to comprise mouseover information about at least one set-up option.

1           14.       The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the  
2       at least one device to comprise a computer display device.

1           15.       The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the  
2       at least one device to comprise a computer system.

1           16.     The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of defining the  
2     at least one device to comprise a consumer electronics device.

1           17.     The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of accessing  
2     the emulator via a network.

1           18.     The method set forth in claim 10, comprising the act of accessing  
2     the emulator via a local CD-ROM drive.

1           19.     A system, comprising:  
2         at least one device information file that contains emulation information  
3             about at least one device; and  
4         means for providing an on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation of the at least  
5             one device based on the emulation information about the at least  
6             one device.

1           20.     The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the emulation comprises  
2     information relating to a set-up procedure of the at least one device.

1           21.     The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the means for providing  
2     an emulation is adapted to present the emulation in a manner that approximates  
3     information that would be presented by the at least one device during a set-up  
4     procedure of the at least one device.

1           22.     The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the emulation comprises  
2     mouseover information about at least one option.

1           23.     The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the at least one device  
2     comprises a computer display device.

1           24.     The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the at least one device  
2     comprises a computer system.

1           25.     The system set forth in claim 19, wherein the at least one device  
2     comprises a consumer electronics device.

1           26.     A computer program, comprising:  
2                 a machine readable medium;

3           at least one device information file stored on the machine readable medium,  
4               the device information file containing emulation information about  
5               at least one device; and  
6           an emulator stored on the machine readable medium, the emulator being  
7               adapted to read the at least one device information file and provide  
8               an emulation of a set-up procedure associated with the at least one  
9           device.

1           27.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the device  
2     information file comprises information relating to the set-up procedure of the at  
3     least one device.

1           28.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the device  
2     information file comprises mouseover information about at least one option.

1           29.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the at least  
2     one device comprises a computer display device.

1           30.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the at least  
2     one device comprises a computer system.

1           31.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the at least  
2     one device comprises a consumer electronics device.

1           32.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the machine  
2     readable medium comprises a network storage device.

1           33.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the machine  
2     readable medium comprises a local CD-ROM drive.

1           34.     The computer program set forth in claim 26, wherein the emulation  
2     comprises an on-screen display (“OSD”) emulation.